

TRIAL OF MEADORS.

The Case of Magpie Driver's Slayer Continued Until April 14th.

TO PROTECT THE CITY JAIL.

Fire Commissioners Place the Old Alarm-Box at the Theatre in Position at the Prison-News of the City Hall Courts.

Yesterday was the day set for the trial in the Hustings Court of the case of William Meadors, the young white man who on the night of January 25th, murdered Magpie Driver, in Gholam's restaurant, near the corner of Fifteenth and Franklin streets. The killing created a great deal of excitement at the time, and it was thought to have been a double murder, as Meadors was charged with the murder of his own brother, who was shot by the same revolver with which he shot the woman.

When the case was called, Mr. George D. Wise, counsel for Meadors, asked for a continuance, on the ground that he had important depositions to obtain, not having been able to secure them in time for trial at the present time.

A CONTINUANCE GRANTED.

Judge Witt said he would allow a continuance until April 14th, but Mr. Wise wanted the trial set for a week later. As some of the depositions would have to be taken at some distance, he feared that they could not be gotten in three weeks, the time intervening until the postponed date of the trial arrives. Judge Witt thought that he had allowed time enough, and would not consent to a longer postponement.

When Meadors appeared in court he was apparently still feeble, and a number of times showed evidences of nervousness. He sat in the seat in the City Court's office, and smoked a cigarette, and talked with the officers present. Occasionally he smiled. He was dressed in a black suit of clothing and wore a white shirt with a turn-down collar, a pale-blue four-in-hand tie completing his apparel. His smoothly-shaven face showed the effects of disfigurement.

STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

Meadors is a painter by trade, and has been prominent here as a public figure often by his daring work on church steeples. He had just enlisted in the United States army, and was about to leave for his post of duty when the morning of the 25th of January he was called to the city hall by his sweetheart, Magpie Driver, and according to his own story, Meadors refused to bid him farewell, whereupon he swore that he would kill her if she did not go. That night the two and several others were sitting in the back-room of Gholam's place, talking about matters in general, when Meadors suddenly drew his revolver and fired at the girl. The ball took effect in her chest, and she fell into the restaurant, but Meadors followed her, and shot her three times more. He then, just as the police were entering the place, put the barrel of the weapon in his own mouth, and fired, endeavoring to kill himself. Meadors was dead in a few minutes, but Meadors got well, and it is for this seemingly senseless deed that he is to be tried for his life.

ALARM-BOX AT THE JAIL.

The Board of Fire Commissioners have directed that the old fire-alarm-box which has long been located at the Richmond Theatre, shall be removed to the city jail. Heretofore this alarm-box has been at a box, and in case of an outbreak of any kind or of a fire it would have required some time to have turned in a signal. President Frischkorn took the ground, at the last meeting of the board, that it was necessary to have a box at the jail, and he believed that in case of any fire there a stream of cold water would do more to restore quiet than any amount of shouting. He was assured of this by the president, the board at once agreed to have the box transferred.

CITY HALL COURT NEWS.

A charter was granted by Judge Westford, in the City Circuit Court yesterday, to the Workingmen's Aid and Benefit Association, a colored organization. The objects of the association are to care for sick persons and to bury the dead. The capital stock is to be not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000, and the officers are: President, W. G. Singleton; president, Daniel A. Brown; vice-president, J. P. Norwood; treasurer, Alpheus Scott; secretary and manager, Dr. Johnson, John W. Whitling, John Johnson, Jeremiah Smith, Morris Epps, and others.

Pulitzer Baptist church trustees, Messrs. F. H. Garber and R. L. Harrison, were permitted to borrow \$1,700 to apply to the church debt.

The Law and Equity Court was still engaged in hearing the case of Walter S. Edwards against the Equitable Assurance Company yesterday.

Motion was filed for judgment by Voigt Brothers against Caudle & Roane, for \$125.

GEORGE ANSWERED THE SUMMONS.

He Promised to Fix Matters, and the Justice Let Him Off-Other Cases.

When the Police Court was called to order yesterday morning six persons presented themselves to answer the charge of keeping dogs and goats without being taxed. They were quickly disposed of, but not without the usual warning from the Justice.

George Washington, for whom a rule was issued Tuesday morning to answer the charge of keeping an unlicensed dog, put in an appearance yesterday, and he promised to immediately comply with the requirements of the law.

The Case of Fritz Kragle, which has been lingering for some days, owing to lack of testimony, was heard yesterday.

Fritz was drunk when he took the dollar and the pistol, which was a heavy duty back to the Revolutionary war, so the Justice only required \$100 security for thirty days, which was promptly given.

Morton Deane, Archer Graves, treasurer, Louis Braxton, and James Hill, deacons of the Second (colored) Baptist church, were again in the court. They reported that their house of worship was in a unsafe condition, as the wall of twenty feet cracks was rapidly being replaced by an entirely new wall, which is well under way.

Maldine Jones and Nellie Winston, two colored women, charged with stealing lumber from the Grace-Street Baptist tabernacle, under contract to build Deane and Grace streets, were discharged by the Justice. The testimony showed the lumber to be only two small sticks.

The fine of \$20 was imposed upon Jacob Pender, and \$20 security for six months was also required by the Justice, who considered that the man had been guilty of a brutal act in striking Claude Brantley, a small boy, with a stick of uncommon size. Many witnesses testified as to the brutality of the deed, and the stick shown in court was large enough to kill an ox.

P. L. Langley and W. P. Leachman appeared on counter charges of fighting, and were fined \$5 each.

HOLAN AND WOODS ARE HERE.

Pender's Arrival To-Day Will Make the Team Complete.

The entire Richmond team, with the exception of Pender, is now in the city. Catcher Dan Bolan and Left-Fielder Woods, having arrived together yesterday morning.

The boys all went out to practice yesterday afternoon and showed up exceedingly well. Holan is a first-class man, and seems to be as quick on his throw down to the bases as an old leaguer. He will prove a worthy successor of "Reddy" Foster.

Woods is a fielder on whom the team can rely. He can move with great rapidity when occasion demands, and knows how to handle grounders as well as flies.

The pitchers have all now had a chance to demonstrate what they can do, though none have been tested to any great extent. The staff is, as a whole, a very good one, and Tannehill, Ames, Gilpatrick, and Dolan will certainly be kept through the season.

The first exhibition game will be played Saturday afternoon with Richmond College.

TAX-PAYERS TO FIGHT IT OUT.

They Will Try to Enjoin the Henrico Supervisors.

A conference of the tax-payers of Henrico who are opposed to the erection of a new county court-house has been called for this week, but the exact date and place of meeting has not been made public.

The gentlemen who appeared before the supervisors and actively protested against the new court-house, being built on the very spot disputed by the supervisors, voted against them, and they will make a fight to have them enjoined from carrying out the provisions of their resolution.

It is expected that they will go before the court, and ask for the injunction, and the conference is for the purpose of agreeing upon a mode of procedure.

Filling Sovereign College Yencanics.

Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmichael, Sovereign College of Allied Medicine Degrees for the United States, has appointed Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand Master of Maine, to the office of Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign College, vice W. O. English, deceased. Mr. Drummond had filled the office of Grand Master for some years. It is understood that Colonel Hall, of the United States army, who now holds the office of Grand Deacon, will be advanced to the office of Grand Almoner, and that a well-known Richmond Mason will be invested as Grand Deacon. The office of Master non Regens, which has

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INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

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Principal Office, 100 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.
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Commenced Business as a Joint-Stock—JANUARY 1, 1870.

I.—CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock subscribed \$200,000

Amount of capital stock actually paid \$200,000

II.—ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned by the company \$20,000

Loans on mortgage (first liens upon which more than one year's interest is due) \$45,000

Loans on mortgage (first liens upon which more than one year's interest is due) \$4,000

Interest due on all said mortgage loans, \$2,242.50; interest accrued thereon, \$2,239.43

Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and improvements \$152,000

Value of the buildings mortgaged (insured for \$175,750 as collateral) \$82,000

Total value of said mortgaged premises \$1,053,000

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

	Par Value.	Market Value.
New York and Harlem railroad stock	\$50,000	\$150,000
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Hempstead and Saratoga railroad stock	50,000	90,000
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Long Island railroad stock	50,000	42,000
New York Central and Hudson River railroad stock	50,000	42,000
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad stock	50,000	50,000
Delaware and Hudson Canal stock	20,000	17,000
Western Union Telegraph stock	50,000	74,000
Consolidated Gas stock	20,000	20,000
Manhattan railway stock	100,000	110,000
United States 4 per cent. bonded bonds	16,000	16,000
Richmond City (Virginia) bonds	40,000	27,000
New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad bonds	20,000	17,000
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad bonds	20,000	17,000
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Total par and market value (carried out at market value) \$1,053,000

Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank \$112,250

Gross premiums less expenses \$271,749

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, STATED AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE \$2,022,449

III.—LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due \$25,319

Gross losses less expenses \$78,732

Losses retained, including interest, costs, and expenses \$4,750

Total gross amount of claims for losses \$108,427

Deduct reinsurance of claims \$750

Net amount of unpaid losses \$107,677

Gross premiums received and received on bills unpaid at close of last year \$248,822

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Joint-stock capital, actually paid up in full \$200,000

Surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities \$474,189.74

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR, IN CASH \$1,332,372.95

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

Fire risks written \$603,199

Premiums received (gross) \$1,536.50

Losses paid \$1,536.50

Losses incurred \$1,077.99

(Signed) GEO. R. CRAWFORD, President.

(Signed) JOHN Q. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

State of New York, City of New York—ss: Sworn to January 13, 1896, before EDWIN F. COREY, Commissioner for Virginia in New York.

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PLEASANTS & CRENSHAW, Agents.

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been vacant for a year or more, will remain vacant, it is said, until next fall, when it will be tendered to a distinguished Richmond Mason.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: James M. Chalkley and wife to Lella H. Bransford, 15 feet on north side China street, \$600.

Mary C. Gelsinger to Mary T. Gelsinger, 23 feet on Main street northeast corner Short, \$2,500.

Miss A. M. Kuyk to Walter Douglas, 34 feet on South side Pleasant street near Randolph, \$2,500.

Henrico: Carrie E. Cobb to Peter Allard, 20 acres on Charles City road, \$1,100.

Milton W. Haynes and wife to Anna Neurohr, wife of Henry Neurohr, 25 feet on south side Blair street near Washington, \$500.

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